

### 3. *Abutilon theophrasti* Medik. 苘麻

Malvenfam. 28. 1787; FRPS 49(2): 36. 1984; FGD 2: 199. 1991.

*Sida abutilon* L., Sp. Pl. 685. 1753.

*Abutilon avicennae* Gaertn., Fruct. Sem. Pl. 2: 251, t. 135, fig. 1. 1791.

Annual herb or subshrub, 1–2 m tall, much branched. Branches, petioles and pedicels stellate puberulous. Petioles 3–12 cm; leaf blade suborbiculate, 3.5–15 cm in diam., base cordate, apex long-acuminate, margin slightly crenulate, stellate hirsute adaxially, tomentose abaxially. Flowers solitary, axillary. Pedicels 1–3 cm, articulate towards apex. Calyx cup-shaped, densely tomentellate; lobes 5, orbicular, oblong in fruit, mucronate. Corolla yellow; lobes obovate, ca. 1 cm. Staminal tube glabrous, filamentiferous at apex. Fruits black, depressed globose, 2 cm across, top flat; carpels 12 to 16, strongly birostrate, awns 5 mm. Seeds reniform, stellate-pilose.

Locality: Yuen Long, Mo Fan Heung, Jubilee Reservoir. *Y. W. Lam 1498; HK sheet 36223; S. Y. Hu 10742*(CUHK).

Distribution: Cosmopolitan in the temperate region of the N hemisphere.

Ecology: Wastelands, roadsides. Flowering: Jul.–Aug.

Uses: Materials (fibre).